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Caribbean Festival ready to light up San Nicolaas



SAN NICOLAS -- Yesterday morning Ministers Otmar Oduber and Mike de Meza officially announced the first edition of the Caribbean Festival scheduled for June 9th in San Nicolaas!

Members of the Caribbean Foundation, Antoni Garrio, Ronella Tjin Asjoe-Croes, CEO of ATA and representative of the minister of social affairs Alice van Romondt were present for this important announcement.

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DIMAS will not accept documents which are incomplete

ORANJESTAD—Aruba's informative bureau, BUVO announces that the Department for Integration, Management and Admission of Immigration – DIMAS, will not accept a permission petition that is not completely filled in. All documents must be submitted with the petition, all payments must be made and all proof of payment shown as requested by DIMAS.

If a valid document of legalization is not submitted with the petition, DIMAS

will not accept the petition.

Petitions also need a valid, positive advice from the Department of Labor when submitting, which must not be older than 6 months or 1 year.

As of June 1, 2011, DIMAS will make no exceptions; it requests everyone to take good notice of these requirements.

For more information, readers may go personally to DIMAS at the Wilhelminastraat 31-33 or visit the website www.dimasaruba.com

Get your YMCA raffle ticket now

ORANJESTAD -- YMCA is celebrating its 55th anniversary on Aruba and marking this important event with a fundraising raffle.

Tickets are 5 Aruban florins with spectacular prizes such as cellular phones, televisions and various gift certificates from supermarkets and businesses on the island.

Members of the YMCA are appealing to the community to be generous; when spotting a representative at one of the different locations, please buy

one or more tickets. This will help the YMCA continue with its mission of positively guiding Aruban Youth.

Tickets can also be purchased by calling tel. 5845303/5831301 of 5651049.

YMCA also extends an invitation to the general public to its Telethon this Friday, June 3, at the YMCA Dakota.

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Hurricane season starting with high US, Caribbean risk

MIAMI, Florida (AFP) - The Atlantic hurricane season kicks off today with elevated threats to the United States and nations around the Caribbean, the latest forecasts show.

The season officially begins June 1 and runs to November 30, and will feature atmospheric conditions which experts predict will lead to formation of 12 to 18 named tropical storms, of which six to 10 could become hurricanes, according to the US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

NOAA predicts between three and six major hurricanes of Category 3 intensity or higher on the five-level Saffir-Simpson hurricane wind scale.

Skies were generally calm across the Atlantic yesterday, and NOAA and other meteorological websites predicted

no drama in the opening days of the season. The peak Atlantic storm period is August to early October.

This season is predicted to surpass the historical average of 11 tropical storms -- which have winds between 39 and 73 miles (63 to 117 kilometers) per hour -- and six hurricanes, including two major Category 3 hurricanes with sustained winds of 111 miles (178 km) per hour or greater, according to NOAA.

According to an April study by experts at Colorado State University, chances of a major hurricane pounding US shores this year stand at 72

percent, well above the average of 52 percent.

There is also a 61-percent chance that a major hurricane makes landfall in the Caribbean, according to the experts.

With a total of 12 hurricanes, the 2010 season left hundreds dead in floods and mudslides in Central America and the Caribbean, where they destroyed homes and infrastructure and devastated crops.

The first tropical storm of the 2011 season will be named Arlene, according to US authorities, who use an A-to-Z system for naming storms.

Shuttle Endeavour prepares for final glide home

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida (AFP) - US space shuttle Endeavour is scheduled to make its final landing early today, becoming the second American shuttle to enter retirement as the program draws to a close after 30 years.

The astronauts are wrapping up STS-134, a 16-day mission to the International Space Station, where they installed a \$2 billion physics experiment to probe the origins of the universe, and also conducted four spacewalks.

The final flight by US shuttle Atlantis is set for July 8, and

NASA planned to send the shuttle rolling out to the launch pad one last time.

The event will mark a major milestone toward the end of a three-decade program of human space flight and exploration, and was expected to draw thousands of employees and media.

After the shuttle era, the world's astronauts will rely on Russia's space capsules for transit to the orbiting lab at a cost of \$51 billion per seat until a new US crew vehicle can be built by private enterprise.

Mladic arrives in the Netherlands to face war crimes

THE HAGUE, The Netherlands (AFP) - Former Bosnian Serb military chief Ratko Mladic arrived Tuesday at Rotterdam airport in the Netherlands on his way to The Hague to face war crimes charges, Dutch news agency ANP said.

Images broadcast on Dutch television showed a plane with "Republic of Serbia" inscribed on the side touch down at Rotterdam and taxi to a hangar, followed by two black jeeps, to a waiting Dutch police helicopter.

Mladic has than been transferred to the custody of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY) and taken to the UN detention unit in The Hague. There he joined his former Bosnian Serb political chief Radovan Karadzic, currently on trial.

The prosecution has

charged Mladic, head of the Bosnian Serb army, with genocide, persecution, extermination, murder, deportation, inhumane acts and cruel treatment for his part in a plot to achieve the "elimination or permanent removal" of Muslims from large parts of Bosnia in pursuit of a "Greater Serbia".

He is accused of masterminding the 1995 Srebrenica massacre of about 8,000 Muslim men and boys, Europe's worst atrocity since W.War II.

He is also charged for his alleged role in the 44-month siege of the capital Sarajevo in which 10,000 people died.

Earlier Tuesday, Serbian judges rejected Mladic's appeal against a transfer to the UN-backed ICTY to stand trial for alleged atrocities committed during the 1992-95 Bosnian war.

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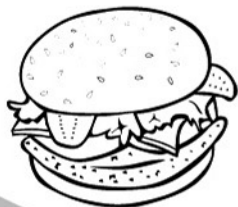
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FATUM announces 5th Pension Seminar Caribbean Festival ready to light up...



At the eve of the introduction of the new obligatory pension program, FATUM, one of Aruba's large insurance companies has planned a major seminar on June 10th to specifically help address the matter of pensions. The seminar will serve as a practical platform to discuss ample details regarding a pension program. This will be the fifth such Pension Seminar organized by FATUM.

FATUM managing director, Diego Frankel remarked that..."we are very proud of this. We are able to bring about keen awareness and emphasize the importance of a pension plan for our community, and especially for our economy" with our pension seminars.

The implementation of an obligatory pension plan entails many challenges. But, FATUM is ready for those challenges, according to FATUM's Diego Frankel in a recent press conference.

ference.

The central theme in this year's seminar is: "The impact of an obligatory pension plan."

Speakers for the seminar are: CBS director, Martijn Balkenstein who will address the issue of the aging of the society and the impact this will have on our economy. His information will be based on the results of the recent 2010 population census.

Next to speak will be Manager of Sales, Life and Employee Benefits of FATUM, Henry van den Berg, who will explain what the obligatory pension program will mean for employees. WEB's Human Resources Manager, Jacques van der Scheer will address the implications of an obligatory pension program for the administration of Human Resources offices of companies and organizations.

To conclude, Frank Snij-

ders, vice-president of ATIA will provide an update of the agreements reached during the national social dialogue with respect to the implementation of the new pension program.

This important seminar is scheduled for June 10th at 2:00 pm at the Westin Resort. This seminar will be especially important for insurance counselors, pension and income tax counselors, account advisers, union leaders, jurists and lawyers, human resources managers, entrepreneurs and anyone interested in learning more about the introduction of the obligatory pension program of 2012.

Entrance to the seminar is free of charge, but pre-registration is a must. Registration can be done online at www.fatum.com, or by calling FATUM at 582-1111. For any questions please contact Madel Jacopucci at 582-1111.

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For the past 7 months the Foundation has been working diligently on this festival to be able to offer a high caliber program. Minister Oduber remarked that this festival is extremely important in view of the emphasis placed on the government's tourism vision and the 'Producto Aruba' platform.

Producto Aruba is not only the beautification of the different areas of the island, but also Aruba's intent on providing quality service and to ensure that we offer what the tourist wants and to even surpass the expectation of our visitors.

This festival must become the second most important festival for Aruba, with all due respect for the Bon Bini festival held weekly in Oranjestad, according to Oduber.

This festival, according to the Minister of Tourism, will afford our visitors an opportunity to learn something of our culture and history, and at the same time enable them to visit the other part of the island to stimulate the needed development there.

Special tents replete with the logo and branding of Caribbean Festival have been designed along with an extensive marketing plan to provide a festival of top caliber for San Nicolaas.

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San Nicolaas is the 'barrio' where 60 to 70 years ago more than 47 different nationalities came together to live and eventually remained ever since. Hence, it is the intention to bring our visitors to this end of the island so they can see and experience some of its culture and history, and to make San Nicolaas another important attraction for our tourists.

A special booth will be placed at the airport dedicated to providing information and flyers about the Caribbean Festival for all arriving visitors. Visitors will be able to purchase their San Nicolaas package at different tour operators.

Oduber was grateful for the funds made available for this venture. He expressed gratitude for all who contributed in making it a reality.



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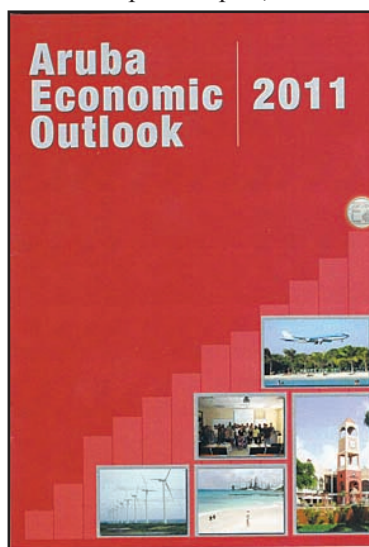
Minister Hooyboer Winklaar explains the Green Gateway

Educators, economists, local captains of industry, parliamentarians and entrepreneurs gathered at the Renaissance Convention Center in Oranjestad on Monday, May 30, for the official presentation from the Minister of Social and Economic Affairs and Culture, Michelle Hooyboer-Winklaar, of two official publications regarding Aruba's economic state at present, and the model for the next two years, called "The Green Gateway."

"The Green Gateway" is a mission and vision statement by Minister Hooyboer-Winklaar explaining the methods and purpose of economic policy through 2013. The smaller booklet, "Aruba Economic Outlook 2011" is a definitive examination of the global economy and the challenges it presents for Aruba, as well as including statistical information based on performance in various financial sectors and plans of the present administration to advance the economy over the remains of this year.

Minister Hooyboer-Winklaar opened her address with a general examination of the macroeconomic performance of Aruba through the end of 2010, which is encouraging compared to the region, and in certain factors, globally. Analysis by UNESCO census revealed out of 135 nations, Aruba is #26 in the Human Development Index, #7 in the world in newspaper circulation per capita, which is a striking statement regarding how well-informed is the general popu-

lace on current affairs. Also of note is Aruba is #18 in population density, and #10 in the number of registered businesses per capita, which



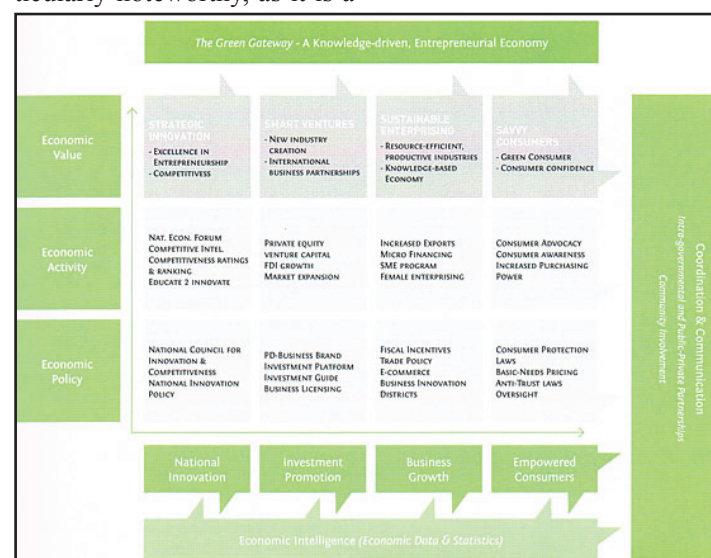
demonstrates their entrepreneurial nature.

A graph of Real Gross Domestic Performance was particularly noteworthy, as it is a

clear marker of events particularly impacting the island's economy in a distinctly negative way, and the minister felt ably demonstrates the resilience of the people in overcoming these potential disasters to maintain general prosperity and economic growth. The graph lays out the percentage of growth compared to the previous year; it clearly marks the effects of events such as the closing of the Exxon Refinery in 1985, which should have had great negative impact on the GDP, but resulted in the drive towards developing the tourism industry and precipitated an enormous growth spurt. It also reveals the two singular events which had the greatest negative effect on economic growth were the razing of the Twin Towers on 9/11 and the global financial meltdown in 2008; the first quarter of 2011 is finally showing distinctive positive growth after negative figures for 2009 and 2010.

"Aruba's resilience has been tested even right before its Status Aparte in 1985 with the closure of Exxon," states Minister Hooyboer-Winklaar. "Once again, Aruba's resilience will be tested against a backdrop of an ever-changing global economy. Economic conditions in 2011 are very different compared to 1985; nevertheless, some of the same factors that contributed to success 25 years ago will be needed to redefine Aruba's economic landscape..."

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Concert of Vento do Norte saxophone orchestra from Portugal

On Saturday, June 4th, the saxophone orchestra Vento do Norte from Portugal will be performing for the Aruban public in the Marriott Resort Ballroom. This concert is organized by the Aruba Art Circle in close cooperation with UNOCA and the Department of Culture of Aruba.

The group was founded in 2005 by Henk van Twillert, an internationally known teacher at the Music Academy in Amsterdam, and a guest teacher at the "Escola Superior di musica e das Artes do espectáculo" in Porto, Portugal. The group consists of ten saxophonists of the Conservatory of Porto and all the musicians have been Henk's pupils. The ensemble has Porto as a base. From here

they are very rapidly conquering the world: from festivals and theatres in Southern Europe till the podia in Caracas, Brussels and the Netherlands.

In 2007 they were invited to perform in Brussels in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the European Union. Both in 2007 and 2009 they have won the first prize at the prestigious "Concorso Internazionale di Musica di Camera" in Italy. In 2009 they also launched their CD "Adagio for saxophones" (this will also be available at the concert). Last year Henk van Twillert gave a wonderful concert in the Biblioteca Nacional in Aruba with Tjacco van Schie at the piano. Here he made contacts for the tour

which Vento do Norte will be making now to Aruba, Curaçao and Bonaire.

Vento do Norte is a unique ensemble consisting of young talented musicians with a modern concept of chamber music and very impressive interpretations. The group will be performing Bach, Beethoven, Mendelssohn, also transforming melancholic fado music, bringing vivid tangos from Piazzolla and also interpreting a deep 'soul' from James Brown.

The group is a musical discovery, an experience that will touch the audience. They produce their own unique sound and they surely leave an everlasting impression of a musical feast you would not like to miss.

Together with FDEC a workshop is organized for saxophone players and all players of wind instruments on Friday, June 3rd, from 4pm to 6 pm in the Exhibition hall of Cas di Cultura. The entrance for the workshop is free.

The concert will be held on Saturday, June 4th, in the Marriott Resort Ballroom, starting at 8.00 pm. General entrance tickets at Afl. 50,- (\$ 28) will



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TV, Internet harming protection of biodiversity: UN

MANILA (AFP) – Young people's fascination with television, the Internet, video games and other electronic entertainment is making it more difficult to protect the world's biodiversity, a UN official warned Tuesday.

Because many young people are urbanised and alienated from nature, they may not realise the value of protecting natural ecosystems and species, said Ahmed Djoghlaif, the United Nations



executive secretary on biological diversity.

"Our children are behind

their computers, their SMS, their videogames, watching TV. They are living in a virtual

world and we need to re-connect them with nature," Djoghlaif told a Southeast Asian biodiversity forum in Manila.

"They don't see how a potato is grown. They just see potatoes at a shelf in the supermarket."

He cited surveys showing children in developed countries spend 95 percent of their free time watching TV or on the computer, and only five percent outdoors. Another survey said 20 percent of

American children had never climbed a tree, Djoghlaif said.

Arguing that the lack of education was one of the biggest threats to preserving natural heritage, Djoghlaif cited a survey of Europe in 2009 which found that 60 percent of the population did not know the meaning of the word "biodiversity".

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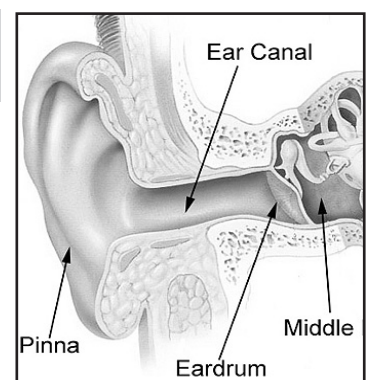
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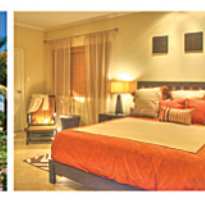
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HOH investing in better health care; conducts course in psychiatric communication



ORANJESTAD – Recently, a group of employees of PAAZ, - the Hospital's Psychiatric Department – followed a course in psychiatric communication skills. The course was given by Bart de Haas, teacher at the 'Academie voor Psychiatrie' in Amsterdam, The Netherlands. A total of 26 employees in the Nursing, Occupational Therapy Departments and social workers ended the course successfully, receiving their certification on May 12, World Nursing Day.

Communication is central

in psychiatry; whether with the patient or with a colleague, it has significant importance. Communication in a correct way means improvement in health care, safety, cooperation and professionalism, and during the course different methods were taught for better communication with clients who visit PAAZ daily.

The main themes were: how to deal with conflicts, how to negotiate, and how to be more assertive. The different themes were taught in an interactive manner using a

combination of theory with role playing followed by review and analyses of the results.

All those attending report they were quite inspired, which was evident during the various exercises, by what proper communication can do for and to people.

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Delayed 'Hobbit' films get release dates, titles

NEW YORK – Peter Jackson's two-film adaptation of J.R.R. Tolkien's "The Hobbit" has release dates.

New Line Cinema, Warner Bros. and MGM announced that "The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey" will be released Dec. 14, 2012. The sequel, "The Hobbit: There and Back Again," is to be released Dec. 13, 2013.

The films have suffered repeated delays over studio funding problems, a threatened actors' boycott and ulcer surgery for Jackson. Shot consecutively, they began filming in March in New Zealand.

The 3-D "Hobbit" films are

prequels to Jackson's Oscar-winning "Lord of the Rings" trilogy.

The movies, which will star Martin Freeman as Bilbo Baggins, were earlier stalled by problems including a wrangle over distribution rights and the exit of original director Guillermo del Toro.

Sir Ian McKellen and Elijah Wood will reprise their roles as Gandalf the Grey and Frodo Baggins respectively.

Sir Christopher Lee is among the stars who will also appear in the new movies, along with actor Andy Serkis in the role of Gollum.

Minister Hooyboer-Winklaar presents "The Green Gateway"

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Minister introduced her team that produced the reports

The biggest change Aruba must embrace is the notion that more is not necessarily better. More hotels and casinos, more buildings, more automobiles... all will reach a point of diminishing returns for our island."

It is examining these figures and a thorough analysis of what is working, and what is not, which guides the ministry in devising an economic plan over the next few years. "The Green Gateway" is a play on words to some extent, as the present administration of the AVP political party is identified by the color green, and projects to convert the island to being completely fueled by renewable, or "green" energy sources is one of their main

platforms. "Economies must continue to grow in order for countries to prosper," Minister Hooyboer-Winklaar relates in her introduction to "The Green Gateway," "albeit, growth that meets the needs of the physical and societal realities that exist. Ideally, we seek quality growth, a calculated and tempered growth that ultimately contributes far more than just a short-term blip on our GDP chart; one that sees not just ROI for the investor, but ROI for the society at large."

Minister Hooyboer-Winklaar asserts that a "knowledge-driven, entrepreneurial economy" is the answer and "The Green Gateway" lays out the methods

for developing the strategy to achieve this, and an action plan for the various economic sectors that they believe will make it reality. Some are conceptual, but details of AVP's restructuring of island bureaucracy and projects for the immediate future to facilitate this goal are also detailed. This 32 page booklet, aimed at attracting partners in the island's development, and assisting residents in understanding the Ministry's economic policies and actions over the next few years, is available at the Department of Economic Affairs, Division of Economic Policy and Development Cooperation, located at L.G. Smith Boulevard #160. A National Development Plan regarding all economic, social and cultural sectors can be downloaded from the official website www.arubaeconomicaffairs.aw. "The Green Gateway" and "Aruba Economic Outlook 2011" have not been posted to the website as yet.

THE MORNING NEWS will continue with an examination of "The Green Gateway" and what was related during the introductory conference in subsequent articles.

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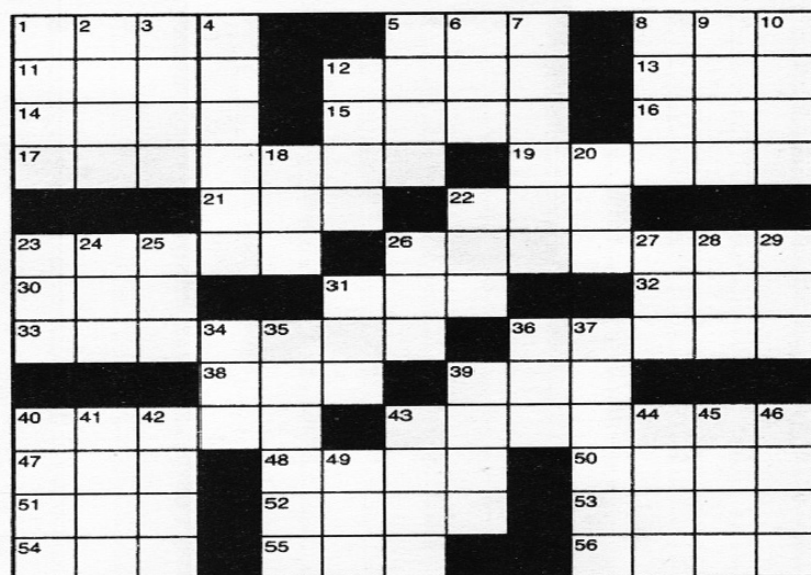
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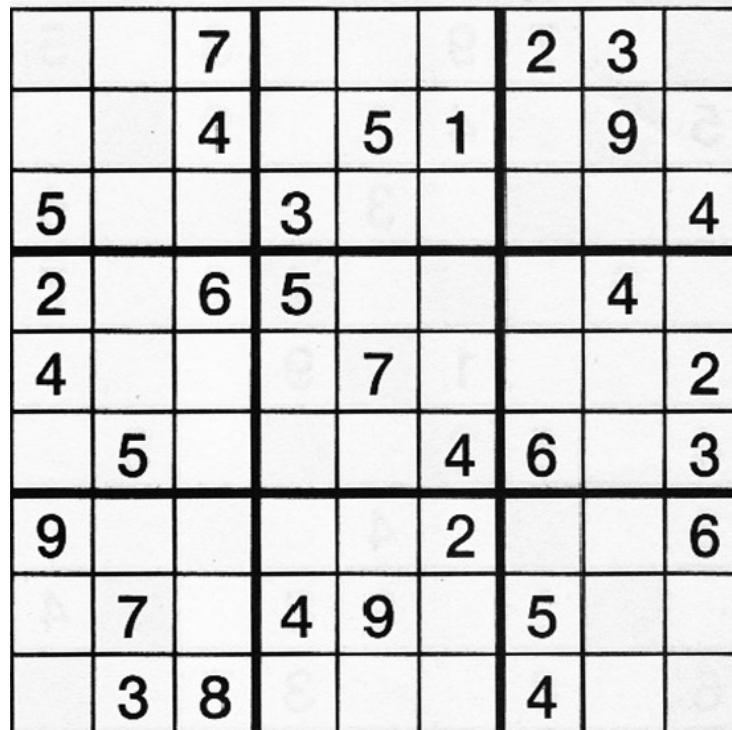
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Obama nominates new commerce secretary

WASHINGTON (AFP)- President Barack Obama Tuesday picked businessman John Bryson to serve as commerce secretary, seeking to further soothe testy ties with the private sector and spark export-led jobs growth.

Obama said in a statement ahead of an on-camera announcement, that Bryson, the former head of Edison International, a leading energy firm "understands what it takes for America to succeed in a 21st century global economy."

The White House said Bryson, who is also an environmental advocate after helping to form the Natural Resources Defense Council, had the ability to promote job creation, economic growth and sustainable development.

Bryson, who needs to be

confirmed by the Senate, would replace Commerce Secretary Gary Locke, the Chinese-American former Washington state governor whom Obama has nominated to be the next US ambassador to China.

Bryson, a director of Boeing and the Walt Disney Company, would also seek to offer "valuable ideas and initiatives to strengthen America's competitiveness around the world" as Obama seeks to double US exports in the next four years.

The appointment of Bryson, a graduate of Stanford University and Yale law school, may be seen by analysts as another effort by Obama to court the private sector after a rocky relationship with corporate America early in his term.

Mystery explosives rattle Ikea stores in Europe

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AFP) - Police scrambled for clues Tuesday after booby-trapped packages exploded at three Ikea stores in Belgium, France and the Netherlands, with no one claiming responsibility for the acts.

The light explosives detonated at the Swedish furniture chain's stores in the Belgian city of Ghent, near Lille in northern France and Eindhoven in the Netherlands, without causing damage or injuries.

"We are looking at all possible leads. We don't know who is behind this, nor why," the

spokeswoman for the Ghent prosecutor's office, An Schoonjans, told AFP, adding that the store had not received any prior warning.

The Ikea premises in Ghent was evacuated after two small explosions took place almost simultaneously inside the store before closing time. An employee and a security agent complained of ear aches.

The devices were triggered by old mechanical alarm clocks that were attached to the explosives. Similar clocks, which are not sold at Ikea, were used near Lille and Eindhoven, said a Ghent police spokesman.

Europe shuts out Spanish vegetables

MADRID, Spain (AFP) - Spanish fruit and vegetable sales have halted across nearly all Europe because of a fatal E.coli outbreak blamed on its cucumbers, the industry's export federation said yesterday.

The impact had spread and was inflicting estimated losses of 200 million euros (\$290 million) a week, said the Spanish fruit and vegetable producer-exporter federation, FEPEX.

Asked which countries had stopped buying Spanish produce, FEPEX president Jorge Brotons told a news conference: "Almost all Europe. There is a domino effect on all vegetables and fruits. A psychosis has been created."

German authorities said they detected the potentially dangerous bacteria on organic cucumbers imported from two producers in southern Spain's Andalucia region. "Orders are plunging daily," Brotons said.

"It is as if an order had gone out across Europe not to buy Spanish produce," he added. "Every week we are throwing out hundreds of tons of produce."

With no alternative mar-

kets, "it could lead to the ruin of the industry," Brotons said.

Exports of vegetables, especially cucumbers, peppers, lettuce, and tomatoes, had plunged but fruit exports had also been affected, said the federation's director general, Jose Maria Pozancos.

"There are Germany supermarkets now that put out a sign saying: 'No Spanish produce sold here'," Pozancos said. "The problem does not come from us, it comes from where the bacteria were detected in Germany."

Pozancos estimated there were 150,000 tons of unsold produce a week and he demanded compensation for the industry at market prices.

It was up to Germany to resolve the problem and to restore the Spanish industry's image, he said.

Of 9.4 million tons of Spanish fruit and vegetables exported in 2010, the biggest share, 24 percent, went to Germany, according to the producers' federation.

The outbreak of E.coli bacteria poisoning erupted more than two weeks ago, sickening hundreds and killing 15 people -- 14 in Germany and one in Sweden

who was believed to have been infected in Germany.

In Spain, a 40-year-old man who recently returned from Germany was in intensive care in northern San Sebastian with a possible E.coli infection, yet to be confirmed with tests.

Madrid rejects any blame for the outbreak.

The government says there have been no infections in Spain and argues there is no evidence the infection comes from the cucumbers' origin in Spain rather than in later handling elsewhere.

Agricultural Minister Rosa Aguilar complained Germany had pointed to Spain as the origin "without having reliable data" during a meeting of EU agricultural ministers in Debrecen, Hungary.

The Andalucian region says suspect cucumber batches from the two distributors in Almeria and Malaga have been withdrawn pending soil, water and produce tests, with results due today.

Samples from suspect batches were sent to a laboratory in the northwest province of Galicia for testing

US home prices slump as crisis deepens

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US home prices have sunk below levels seen during the "Great Recession," according to data revealed yesterday, sparking renewed pessimism about a key pillar of the spluttering economic recovery.

Unless you are selling a house in Washington or buying one in Minnesota there is little cause to celebrate the state of the US housing sector.

Despite ultra-low borrowing rates, experts say a steady flow of repossessed homes onto the market, tighter bank lending rules and high unemployment have kept prices at rock bottom.

According to a widely watched housing index, prices in 20 major metropolitan areas fell 3.6 percent in the 12 months to March, down from already suppressed levels.

In the northern city of Min-

neapolis, prices fell by a staggering 10 percent during the year.

That has put the Minnesota city at the sharp end of a sectoral slump that has hit almost the entire nation. Only in the capital, Washington, did prices rise on a year-over-year basis, according to the S&P/Case-Shiller index.

"Prices of houses are now below the lows reached during the depths of the economic crisis," said economist Joel Naroff.

According to Maureen Maitland of Standard & Poor's, prices are being kept low by tens -- if not hundreds -- of thousands of repossessed homes going back on the market.

And she believes the flow is not about to stop: "There is a lot of inventory overhang, and there is a lot of shadow in-

ventory across the rest of the nation getting ready to be put there."

Banks are thought to currently own as many as 872,000 homes across the country, a number that is likely to increase in the coming months, pushing prices down further.

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Hackers attack PBS, post fake 'Tupac still alive' story

WASHINGTON -- Hackers attacked the website for broadcaster PBS, posting a fake story late Sunday that dead rapper Tupac Shakur was "alive and well," according to reports.

The group Lulz Boat claimed responsibility and also posted what it said was username and password information for PBS staff and other internal information about the company on its Twitter page.

It said in a Twitter message that the attack was in response to a Frontline documentary, called "Wiki-Secrets," about the leaking of U.S. government secrets to the WikiLeaks website, its founder Julian Assange and the alleged leaker, former army intelligence officer Bradley Manning.

On May 27, WikiLeaks described the program as a "smear" in a Twitter message.

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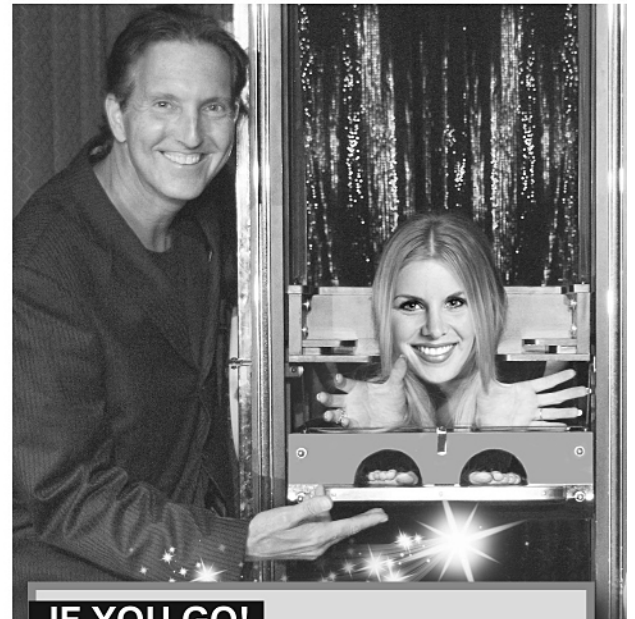
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AIDS claimed celebrity victims, but stars lead fight

LOS ANGELES, California (AFP) – AIDS claimed a string of celebrity victims in its early days, from Rock Hudson to Freddie Mercury, but fellow stars have played a major role in fighting the killer disease over the years since.

Elton John and Elizabeth Taylor were among leading figures who used their celebrity from the start to raise awareness and funds for research into HIV, as well as reducing the stigma of what was initially seen as a "gay plague."

Retired basketball player Magic Johnson has campaigned tirelessly since announcing in 1991 that he had contracted HIV, while pop icon Michael Jackson, a friend of Taylor's, was also a strong supporter before his death in 2009.

Elton John's "White Tie and Tiara Ball" has become an annual star-studded fixture organized with his partner David Furnish since 1999 to raise funds for his Elton Joects in 55 countries since it was founded in 1992.

"Both Elton and David are absolutely passionate about the work of the Foundation. They are on the phone weekly getting updates ... and discussing strategy," said Anne Aslett, boss of EJAF's British arm.

"Celebrities can speak personally and emotionally ... This means their influence can be enormous," she told AFP, citing the impact of others including the late Princess Diana, Whoopi Goldberg and Sharon Stone.

The first major celebrity victim was Hudson, whose admission that he was suffering from HIV in the early 1980s helped raise the profile of the disease. He died in 1985, aged 59.

Flamboyant US entertainer Liberace died in 1987 followed in 1990 by Scottish "Chariots of Fire" actor Ian Charleson and New York artist Keith Haring, who was only 31 when he died.

Queen frontman Mercury died the following year, perhaps the first high-profile pop star to succumb publicly to the disease. Jacques Morali, cre-

ator of camp music icons the Village People, died the same year.

Also in 1991 Oscar-winning British director Tony Richardson died, while Magic Johnson announced he was HIV positive, retired immediately and dedicated his life to fighting the deadly disease.

In 1992 "Psycho" actor Anthony Perkins, Britain's Denholm Elliott and sci-fi writer Isaac Asimov all died, followed by tennis star Arthur Ashe and ballet dancer Rudolf Nureyev in 1993.

The list of high profile AIDS victims has tailed off as awareness grew and more effective treatments were introduced -- at least in rich developed countries -- but celebrity campaigners kept fighting.

"In the world of AIDS advocacy, Elton is seen less as a celebrity and more as one of the real leaders in the fight," said Drew Altman of the Kaiser Family Foundation, one of dozens of groups backed by Elton John's Foundation.

Damn! Aussies to be fined for swearing



MELBOURNE, Australia (AFP) – Australians may have a love of plain speaking but new laws are set to curtail some of their more colourful language with police issuing on-the-spot fines for obnoxious swearing.

The country's second most populous state Victoria is due to approve new legislation this week under which police will be able to slap fines of up to Aus\$240 (US\$257) on people using offensive words or phrases.

Victorian Attorney-General Robert Clark said the penalties, similar to those issued for speeding or parking illegally, would free up police time.

"This will give the police the tools they need to be able to act against this sort of obnoxious behaviour on the spot, rather than having to drag offenders off to court and take up time and money in proceedings," he said.

But even the state's top lawyer admitted to swearing sometimes.

"Occasionally I mutter things under my breath as probably everybody does," he told ABC radio.

"But this law is not targeted at that, it's targeted at the sort of obnoxious, offensive behaviour in public that makes life unpleasant for everybody else."

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Football Camp readying for kick-off!



from left to right; Minister Sievinger, Mr. Oijer, Minister Eman and Minister Visser welcoming Mr. Oijer in the VIP Room at the airport.

Dutch football star, member of the winning Dutch Eredivisie 2011 team, received a warm welcome to Aruba from Minister of Sports, Richard Visser. Andre Ooijer was received in the VIP Room of the airport by Prime Minister Eman, Minister Benny Sievinger and Minister Visser. Oijer, professional player for the Ajax Team, is here to lead a football camp during the upcoming weekend.

Visser expressed satisfaction for succeeding in getting an agreement with KNVB and Oijer to conduct several football clinics for our children here in Aruba. Because of the popularity of these football players, it is often extremely

difficult to get them to come to Aruba. Oijer will be training our local footballers on upcoming Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

The primary focus of the training will be on health. Andre Oijer together with his partner Rob Witschege and several other trainers, who will be arriving later this week, will be sharing their experiences as professional footballers. They will also be offering advice on nutrition to stimulate our young people to begin eating, drinking and living healthy.

Participation to the football clinics are free of charge and will also include a healthy lunch for all participants.

Oijer is also scheduled to attend the final game of the Panaball tournament this Sunday, which is named in Oijer's honor...the Andre Oijer Cup 2011.

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In addition, 125 athletes from different sports are invited for the special H-Extreme training. This will be held on June 4th from 9:00 am in the morning at the Frans Figaroa Stadium. Rene Wild in charge of this training and the other Dutch trainers will all be present. Again, participation is gratuito and includes a healthy lunch.

Federer braced for Djokovic, as Murray soldiers on

PARIS, France (AFP) – Roger Federer set up a mouth-watering French Open semi-final showdown with high-flying Novak Djokovic after an untidy straight sets victory over Gael Monfils.

Federer, the 2009 champion, is still to drop a set at this year's tournament, but in Djokovic he faces an opponent who is just one win short of John McEnroe's 1984 record of 42 matches unbeaten at the start of a season.

Second-seeded Djokovic will also take over from defending champion Rafael Nadal as world number one if he prevails against Federer on Friday, having beaten the great Swiss in their last three encounters.

"I'm very happy to be in the semi-finals," said Federer, after beating ninth seed Monfils 6-4, 6-3, 7-6 (7/3) in a scrappy, wind-affected match that featured an astonishing 95 unforced errors from both players.

Federer, the third seed, made an uncertain start amid windy, overcast conditions on Court Philippe Chatrier and was broken to love in his second service game.

The Swiss broke back immediately, however, thanks to a perfectly judged backhand drop shot that bit and died in the dust, before obliging Monfils to fight off three break points in the eighth game.

Seeded outside the top two at a Grand Slam for the first time since Wimbledon in 2003, Federer brought up two set points on Monfils' serve shortly afterwards and then clinched the first set when the world number nine put a fore-

hand wide.

Following an exchange of breaks in the second set, Federer broke for a 4-2 lead when Monfils double-faulted, prompting the Frenchman to fling his racquet to the ground in disgust.

Both men were culpable of some dismal shot-making, but it did not prevent Federer from closing out the set when a stretching Monfils sent a backhand long.

Monfils saved three break points at 4-4 in the third set and two at 5-5, but swiftly fell 6-1 down in the ensuing tie-break and was finally beaten when Federer thrashed a forehand winner down the line.

Earlier, British fourth seed Andy Murray clawed his way into the quarter-finals with a courageous 4-6, 4-6, 6-3, 6-2, 7-5 defeat of Serbian 15th seed Victor Troicki.

Nursing a right ankle injury that had threatened his participation in the tournament, Murray had had to fight back from two sets and a break down to level the match before play was suspended amid fading light on Monday.

Troicki took control of the deciding set on Tuesday, opening up a 5-2 lead despite a bizarre incident that saw a ball boy mistakenly run onto the court just as the Serbian was dispatching an overhead smash past his opponent.

The world number 15 was within two points of the last eight at 5-3 and 30-0 up on his serve, but Murray demonstrated extraordinary powers of recovery to storm back and complete a remarkable turnaround in just under four hours.



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Indy 500 worth \$2.6 mln for Wheldon

INDIANAPOLIS, Indiana (AFP) — Dan Wheldon received \$2,567,255 for winning the Indianapolis 500, which might come in handy for the English driver who calls himself "unemployed".

Wheldon won the 100th anniversary edition of the Indy 500 on Sunday in dramatic style, when leader J.R. Hildebrand crashed in the final turn of the final lap.

Wheldon, who started sixth, became just the 18th driver to win the race at least twice.

He also triumphed in 2005 on his way to a series driver's title. Wheldon has six top-four finishes in nine career Indianapolis 500 starts, including his runner-up finishes the past two years.

Hildebrand, a rookie who could only rue his last-minute mistake, won \$1,064,895 for finishing second.

The total purse was \$13,509,485 and the prizes were handed out on Monday evening at the Indianapolis 500 victory celebration.

Earlier in the day, Wheldon took a victory tour at the

Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

"I'm unemployed. I'm unemployed," said Wheldon, who doesn't have a full-time IndyCar ride and was driving for Bryan Herta in the Indy 500 as a one-off.

"I'm sure Bryan will do everything he can to keep me in a race car, but Bryan is an astute businessman, too," added Wheldon, who knows his lack of sponsorship hinders his chances of landing with a team.

Herta, who hasn't fielded a car full-time this season, had hoped running at America's most famous motor race would help him build toward a full season in 2012.

He said Wheldon's triumph had already attracted some attention from businesses, and could speed up the timeline.

"I think there could be some opportunities created for us to continue," Herta said. "I'm sure that Dan will get some opportunities, and my hope is we'll be able to work together later this year."

Canucks to battle Bruins for Stanley Cup title

VANCOUVER, Canada (AFP) — The Vancouver Canucks will try to bring the Stanley Cup home to a Canadian team for the first time since 1993 when they face Boston in the National Hockey League Finals starting today.

Not since the 1993 Montreal Canadiens has a Canadian-based club captured the trophy, with four different clubs having reached the best-of-seven championship series since then only to fall at the finish to United States rivals.

The Canucks missed out in 1994, losing the finals in seven games to the New York Rangers, who had not won the crown since 1940. Vancouver's only other NHL final appearance was in 1982 when they were swept by the New York Islanders.

"To go to the Stanley Cup Final is a dream come true," Canucks defenceman Kevin Bieksa said. "Our core has been here for seven or eight years working toward something special and we have a huge opportunity."

Calgary lost the 2004 finals to Tampa Bay in seven games



and after the 2005 was lost in a contract dispute between players and club owners, Edmonton lost the 2006 final to Carolina and Ottawa dropped the 2007 final to Anaheim.

As well as having a home-ice edge after leading the league in points this season, history is on the side of the Canucks claiming their first NHL title in their 40th season after Vancouver hosted last year's Winter Olympics.

After Montreal hosted the 1976 Summer Olympics, Montreal won the 1997 Stanley Cup Final and after Calgary hosted the 1988 Winter Olympics, the Calgary Flames won the Cup the next year.

The Bruins have not claimed the Cup since 1972, having lost in the finals to Philadelphia in 1974, Montreal in 1977 and 1978 and Edmonton in 1988 and 1990.

The Bruins defeated the Canucks 3-1 last February in Vancouver just after the Olympics in their only regular-season meeting, with Vancouver native Milan Lucic scoring a goal and assisting on two others for the Bruins.

Boston goaltender Tim Thomas, 12-6 in the playoffs, made 27 saves while Vancouver netminder Roberto Luongo stopped 22 shots in that meeting.

Boston comes off a seven-game escape against Tampa Bay in the Eastern Conference final while Vancouver needed only five games to oust San Jose in the Western Conference final.

Swedish playmaker Henrik Sedin leads all playoff scorers while twin brother Daniel and Ryan Kesler add to the Canucks' quick-adapting attack. Kesler and Daniel Sedin each scored 41 goals in the regular season.

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FIFA urged to halt vote as sponsor concern

ZURICH1 (AFP) - FIFA was urged to scrap its corruption-tainted presidential election on Tuesday as key sponsors formed a chorus of concern over the governing body's tarnished image.

The English and Scottish football associations issued statements calling on FIFA to postpone Wednesday's election, saying the ballot was no longer viable following the wave of bribery allegations which have rocked the organisation.

English FA chairman David Bernstein, who had earlier vowed to abstain from

the vote, said a postponement would allow for a credible reform candidate to run against incumbent Sepp Blatter.

Blatter is set to be re-elected unopposed for a fourth term by FIFA's congress today after the suspension of his Qatari election rival Mohamed bin Hammam pending an investigation into bribery allegations.

But Bernstein said the corruption allegations had prompted the FA to request for the postponement of the vote "to give credibility to this process" and allow a "re-forming candidate" to stand.

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Bolt puts Mullings in his place in 100m

OSTRAVA (AFP) - Jamaican athletics superstar Usain Bolt easily beat compatriot and this season's fastest man over 100m Steve Mullings here on Tuesday at the Golden Spike event. The 24-year-old world record holder timed 9.91sec, the same time as he ran in the Diamond League event in

Rome last week.

"My time is not bad, but it could be better. I expected a faster time," Bolt told reporters after the race.

"It's not even close (to ideal). I have a lot of work to do," he added.

Mullings finished in 9.97sec, shy of his season's

best of 9.89sec run in April, while Antigua's Daniel Bailey was third in 10.08sec.

Bolt only returned to competition in Rome last Thursday after a nine-month break since he was beaten by American Tyson Gay in Stockholm last August.

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